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SUBJECT: SECRETARY KREPS MEETING WITH EC COMMISSION
PRESIDENT JENKINS

REF: USBERLIN 688

1. ACCORDING TO JENKINS' CHEF DE CABINET TICKELL (WHO WILL ACCOMPANY JENKINS TO BERLIN) LOCAL EC REP IN BERLIN HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY CHECKED WITH JENKINS' STAFF ABOUT MEETING WITH SECRETARY KREPS. IN FACT, TICKELL TOLD US MARCH 29 THAT JENKINS HAS ONLY NOW BECOME AWARE OF PROPOSAL FROM CHARGE'S CALL TO TICKELL YESTERDAY (MARCH 28).

2. TICKELL SAID HE SAW NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO PROPOSED MEETING BUT NOTED THAT JENKINS SCHEDULE WAS VERY TIGHT AND SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO CONFIRM TO US LATER THIS WEEK WHETHER SUGGESTED TIME WAS POSSIBLE. LIKE REQUEST IN REFTTEL, TICKELL ALSO ASKED FOR OUR IDEAS ABOUT SUBJECTS THAT MIGHT BE DISCUSSED.

3. COMMENT: WHILE THERE HAS CLEARLY BEEN A COMMUNICA-
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TIONS FAILURE SOMEWHERE BETWEEN EC BERLIN OFFICE AND JENKINS, WE STILL BELIEVE MEETING WOULD BE DESIRABLE AND WE HOPE IT CAN YET BE MANAGED. APPROPRIATE TOPICS FOR SECRETARY KREPS TO RAISE WITH JENKINS COULD INCLUDE:

A) GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN EUROPE AND THE US,

- B) US AND EC PROGRAMS COVERING THE RESTRUCTURING AND MODERNIZATION OF INDUSTRY,
- C) PROGRESS TOWARD ENLARGEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY TO INCLUDE GREECE, SPAIN, AND PORTUGAL.

IN CONNECTION WITH DISCUSSION ON THE GENERAL ECONOMIC SITUATION, SECRETARY KREPS MIGHT WISH TO INQUIRE ABOUT PROGRESS IN THE EC TOWARD ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION (EMU). PRESIDENT JENKINS IS VERY MUCH DEDICATED TO EMU AND HAS RECENTLY DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE ENERGY BOTH IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH EUROPEAN CHIEFS OF GOVERNMENT, TO "RELAUNCHING" MOVEMENT TOWARD EMU.

4. FOR USDOC: PLEASE ADVISE ASAP ON SUBJECTS SECRETARY WISHES TO DISCUSS. MORRIS

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